

## MANY CHANGES IN STAFF OF EXTENSION DIVISION

Miss Ellen A. Reynolds, of University of Chicago, Heads City Home Demonstrators.

MAKE MORE COTTAGE CHEESE  
Miss Jessie Logan Is Dairy Field Agent to Promote Production of This Food—Numerous Other Appointments Made.

BLACKSBURG, VA., April 27.—The activities of the extension division have increased greatly since the war began, and in order to carry out the many emergency campaigns of the government, the number of county agents, specialists and workers has been constantly added to. At present the extension division employs about 225 people, this representing the administrative and specialist force at Blacksburg, and the men and women agents in the various counties of the State.

The following additions to and changes in the Blacksburg staff have recently taken place: Miss Ellen A. Reynolds, lately from the University of Chicago, has been appointed supervisor of city home demonstration agents; Miss Jessie Logan, recently home demonstration agent in Chesterfield County, has been appointed as dairy field agent in a campaign among the women for the increased production of cottage cheese.

J. W. Helvy and A. H. Frahn, of the dairy division of the United States Dairy Association, have been appointed to help in the organization of cheese factories in this State. This industry is growing very rapidly, as evidenced by the fact that four men are now employed to answer calls from the farmers.

E. C. McGill, a practical horticulturist from Maryland, has been appointed as specialist in gardening. He is busy helping out the home garden campaign now being conducted throughout the State.

W. J. Price, lately with the State crop pest commission, is now working with the extension division as specialist in entomology.

A. F. Treake, a poultryman from Cumberland County, has been appointed to assist the poultry specialist. Among those who have recently changed from the extension division to other lines of work may be mentioned: Miss Edith A. Roberts, who is now working as dairy field agent in New England; J. L. Bishop, who is now managing a 15,000-acre live stock farm in Georgia; and E. B. Keesley, who has charge of the famous Curd's Neck Farm, on the James River below Richmond.

For the last three months the whole extension division has been using every effort to make the people of the State realize the seriousness of the food shortage now confronting this country and its allies. In addition to other work done, the employees of this division have held 321 meetings and addressed 25,288 people on this subject. Jessie M. Jones, director of the extension, H. S. Merry, cheese specialist, and R. H. Dist, agent in Washington County, recently delivered a series of lectures on an agricultural train run over the Virginia Carolina railroad. The total attendance at these meetings was 1,625.

## LOSES BOTH HANDS. BUT IS GREAT ORATOR

Blind Man Previews One of Ablest Speakers for Liberty Loan Sales.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Blind and deprived of both hands as the result of a dynamite explosion, N. C. Hanks is nevertheless one of the ablest speakers on the staff of the United States Council of Defense, and now is engaged in a vigorous platform campaign in the interests of the Third Liberty Loan.

After coming a mass of data here in the capital, Mr. Hanks started out to teach the gospel of Americanism to the people of the country. Because of his blindness and inability to read by the touch method, he has been compelled to obtain most of his material by listening to magazine addresses. Not only is he an excellent orator, but a student of international problems, but a student of international problems, but a student of international problems.

Hanks lost his eyesight and was righteously mutilated when he fell when carrying several sticks of dynamite while on a prospecting trip in Utah a number of years ago.

## MAN WITH IRON MASK.

This person was a mysterious prisoner of France, who was closely confined for years by the State, and died in the Bastille in 1793. He may have been a twin brother of Louis XIV.

Who knows? In this century, it is a mystery how we can get strong, for by putting iron in our blood we become strong men or women. The strong men of today are men of red blood. Men gain energy, vim, vigor, by taking a new combination of soluble iron with valuable native herbal extracts, called "Iron-tic." This is the discovery of Dr. Pierce and his able assistants at the Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y.

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## Tells Truth About Life in Germany

Escaped Prisoner Tells of Failure of First Attempt to Quit the Huns.

BY PRIVATE T. B. DICKINSON, Escaped Prisoner of War From Germany, From the International News Bureau, (Inc.)

I have tried—with but feeble success—to sketch for you the feelings that were mine during the initial hours of my confinement, and it is not my purpose to dwell further upon the mental agony that racked me during almost every waking moment of those never-to-be-forgotten fifteen days. In the words of Longfellow: "The leaves of memory seemed to make."

A mournful rustling in the dark. And when memory was not at work my mind leapt into the future and there grew within me a fixed and unshakable resolve to hate the Germans and everything German while I continued to draw the breath of life. This resolve remains with me still.

Every day at noon the soldiers came with my bread and water. The door was never open for more than a couple of minutes at a time, and they roughly refused all my appeals to be allowed to step out into the passage for a breathing spell. The conditions provided for a condemned murderer or the most vicious of criminals are, I should imagine, easily compared with those I had to suffer. I could scarcely have been treated worse on a cannibal island.

## STRANGE GUARD COMES TO PUMP ME FOR INFORMATION

It was on the eighth day, I think—I am not certain, because I got hazy as to the passage of time—that I was played with as a cat plays with the poor of my cell that day, and he came alone. He stared at me as he handed over my provisions.

"I understand you speak German," he said.

"Yes," I replied.

"Have you ever been in Newcastle?" the Hun then asked.

On answering in the affirmative the guard proceeded to state that he had sailed between Hamburg and Newcastle for about twenty years. He mentioned a number of the principal buildings in Newcastle, and wound up by asking, "How would you like to go to the Empire Theater at Newcastle tonight?"

"Sailing would suit me better," said I, and as he appeared to be in a penitent mood I ventured to request him for a cigarette.

"It's against the regulations," remarked the guard, "but as you know Newcastle, I don't mind obliging you in this matter."

The son of Kultur then placed his rifle against the opposite wall of the corridor, extracted a cigarette from his case and with a smile made as though to hand it over to me. But I never touched that fat. My fingers were within an inch of it when the bound suddenly withdrew the desirable dainty, gave me a violent push on the chest and slammed the door and locked the door. And I could hear his peering laughter as he left the building.

I shall conclude this statement by stating that I served every hour of my sentence, and that when the time came for my release I was so weak I could scarcely stand. The glaring light of day blinded me for a time, and

the pain in my eyes was excruciating. I should have been liberated at night, but they kept me until the morning of the sixteenth day. They are artists in the cult of cruelty, and it amused them to see me staggering around in the open like a blind and drunken man. They did not want to miss such a spectacle. Therefore they took care not to liberate me at night.

German justice, enlightenment and tolerance! They are a mockery and an offense to the nostrils of the Allies!

I would have escaped from Germany ten months sooner than I did but for a companion's complete and blissful ignorance of the Teuton language. Had he been able to say "Ja" at the proper moment, instead of remaining dumb, I would have escaped some early in 1917, and he, poor fellow, would not now be slaving from early morn till night in the Fatherland. The reference is to Private James Anderson, of the Canadian Highlanders.

It is impossible for me to give away any secrets to the enemy in connection with this ill-fated dash for freedom. The Germans know all about it. They caught us within an hour's walk of Holland, and we had the "goals" in our possession in the shape of compasses, maps, etc. For Jimmy and I did not break away on the spur of a sudden impulse.

In the closing months of 1916 conditions at the Munster Camp were very bad, and gradually growing worse. Many of the boys endeavored to quit Germany; a few accomplished their heart's desire. And we who remained behind had to suffer for their success, because the Hunnish sense of justice is as twisted as a corkscrew. The punishment of the wrongdoer fails to give them satisfaction. They must also make the innocent suffer.

We had our parcels stopped for a month, and were not allowed to smoke, owing to the fact that two prisoners vanished beyond their ken. This procedure exercised an irritating effect upon my nervous system, and undoubtedly lowered the moral tone of the whole camp. Unfortunate adjectives and adverbs were called upon to work overtime when the subject under discussion was of a "kultural" description. Personally, I felt the limit had been attained, and I determined upon an eloquent, I knew the Huns would be sorry to lose me, but I consoled myself with the thought that even the best of friends must part.

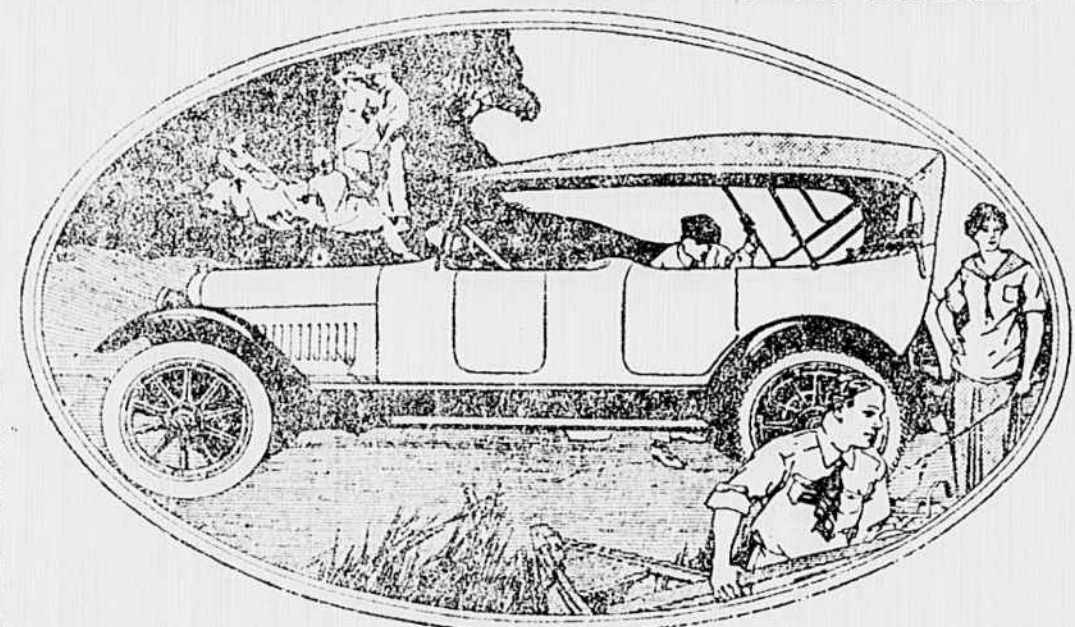
IF HE HAD LEARNED TO TALK HUN—BUT HE DIDN'T

After due and weighty deliberation, I decided to have company on the road, and my choice fell upon Jimmy Anderson. I bear no grudge against Anderson, but, as events proved, the selection was not a happy one. In many respects, however, I could not have had a finer pal for the great adventure. He showed himself a hardy, brave, and cheery lad under circumstances of the most trying character, and we would

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Men in Camp and Trenches Not Only Ones Forced to Put in Tedious Hours.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, April 27.—Rear-Admiral Samuel McGowan, paymaster-general and head of the navy division of supplies and accounts, declares the Washington desk worker in war time deserves as much credit as the man in the trenches. Many members of the executive departments' clerical forces, he says, are working ten, twelve or fourteen hours a day.

Conditions have changed materially, the admiral says, since the days before the war.

"In those days," he declares, "a visitor impressed by the great size of the State, War and Navy Building stopped a watchman to ascertain its dimensions. His curiosity was gratified, and then he asked, 'How many work here?'"

"Not more than half of 'em," the admiral says was the cynical reply.

## BABIES ARE POPULAR IN BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.

Many Women Seek to Secure Child Adopted for Local Paper.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA., April 27.—Babies are the most popular thing in Bartlesville, according to Mrs. C. L. Kellum, matron of the Provident Association. Recently she had a baby under her charge to adopt. She announced it in the local paper. The next day five women were on hand at her office at 8 o'clock. They spent the entire morning at her office, arguing as to which one should get the child. During the day more than two telephone calls were made of Mrs. Kellum, waiting particulars about the baby.

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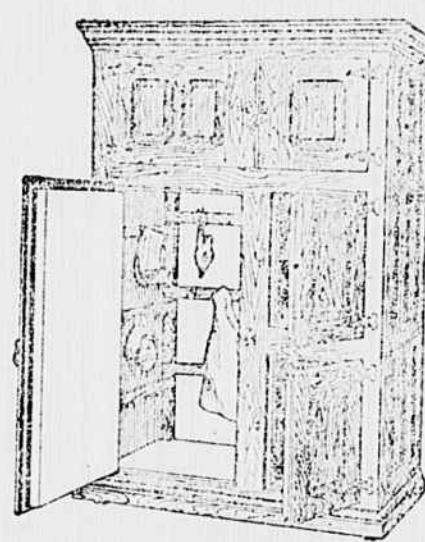
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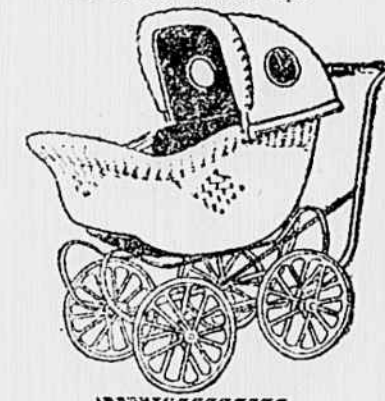
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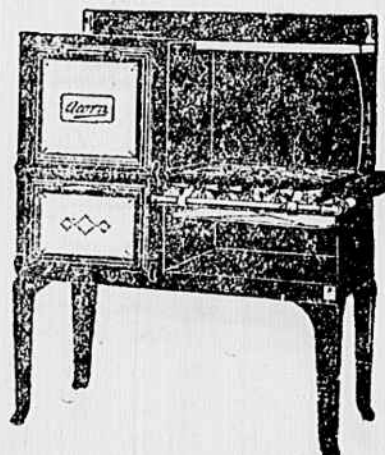
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